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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Continuing CIA Support of the
External Research Staff,
Department of State

1. In reviewing the minutes of the PRC meeting of 4 November 1953, I find an omission that should be made part of the record.

2. At the meeting the PRC approved OIC's request to continue support of the External Research Staff. The specific amount approved for the remainder of FY 1954 was [redacted] This was an amount proportionate to the annual rate of [redacted] requested by State and agreed to by the DCI (General Smith) in a letter dated 2 December 1952 to the Special Assistant, Intelligence, Department of State.

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3. Lyman Kirkpatrick, the Inspector General, asked why this project had to be reviewed by the Project Review Committee year after year when it was in fact a continuing project. Members of the PRC agreed that ERS support was a continuing project and that it would not be necessary for PRC to review the function annually so long as ERS continued to perform its functions for the Agency and the intelligence community in a satisfactory manner.

4. Gene Wilhelm, who attended the PRC meeting of 4 November 1953, today verbally verified the above account.

5. I plan to request the Comptroller to make available to the State Department for the support of ERS an amount not to exceed [redacted] (A maximum of [redacted] will be required for FY 1955.) Should the amount required for a given fiscal year significantly exceed [redacted] I would feel that new PRC action would be required.

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